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For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated with Plants

Petition to Suspend Sequence Rules

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 and M.P.E.P. § 1002.02(c)(2), for a suspension of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 in the above-identified application. In particular, Applicant requests suspension of the non-statutory requirement for a paper copy of the Sequence Listing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(c), and further requests that the computer-readable form of the Sequence Listing filed in this application be considered as the official Sequence Listing.

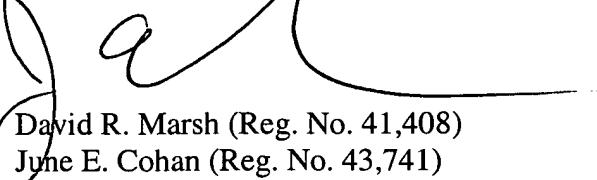
The Sequence Listing in this application is extremely large, and in paper form would be over 1000 pages in length. The preparation and filing of a paper Sequence Listing of this size would be logically difficult and costly for Applicant, and the examination thereof by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is presumed to be inconvenient. Granting this Petition to suspend the requirement for a paper copy in this application would not create any undue burden on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Our Check No. 330583 in the amount of \$130.00 in payment of the required fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h)) is enclosed herewith. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby

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authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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